

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-54**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CASE OF HAWAII**

At the appropriate place in title LVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . RENEGOTIATION OF COMPACTS OF FREE ASSO-**  
2 **CIATION.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
4 gress as follows:

5 (1) The United States shares deep ties, history  
6 and interests with the Freely Associated States of  
7 the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated  
8 States of Micronesia, and Palau and continues a  
9 special, unique and mutually beneficial relationship  
10 with them under the decades-old Compacts of Free  
11 Association.

12 (2) Under the Compacts, the United States has  
13 undertaken the responsibility and obligation to pro-  
14 vide and ensure the security and defense of the  
15 Freely Associated States.

16 (3) The Compacts are critical to the national  
17 security of the United States and its allies and part-  
18 ners and are the bedrock of the United States role  
19 in the Pacific.

1           (4) Renewal of key provisions of the Compacts,  
2           now being negotiated with each nation, is critical for  
3           regional security.

4           (5) Maintaining and strengthening the Com-  
5           pacts supports both United States national security  
6           and the United States responsibility for the security  
7           and defense of the Freely Associated States.

8           (6) As the Department charged with fulfilling  
9           the security mandates of the Compacts, the Depart-  
10          ment of Defense is an integral partner with the De-  
11          partments of State and Interior in the Compact re-  
12          newal negotiations, has a vested interest in the out-  
13          come, and should play an active role in the negotia-  
14          tions for their renewal.

15          (7) The Department of Defense should continue  
16          its engagement in the negotiations of the Compacts  
17          of Free Association, in coordination with the De-  
18          partments of State and Interior and the Special  
19          Presidential Envoy for Compact Negotiations.

20          (8) It would be beneficial for the Secretary of  
21          Defense to detail a senior officer — or such other  
22          personal and assistance as the Envoy may request  
23          — to the Special Presidential Envoy for Compact  
24          Negotiations to support the negotiations for the re-  
25          newal of Compact provisions.

1 (b) BRIEFING ON NEGOTIATIONS.—Not later than 90  
2 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
3 retary of Defense shall brief the following committees on  
4 the role of the Department in the renegotiations of the  
5 Compacts and opportunities to expand its support for the  
6 negotiations:

7 (1) the congressional defense committees;

8 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
9 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of  
10 Representatives; and

11 (3) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
12 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of  
13 the Senate.

